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### Jordan

King Husayn has received an invitation from Morocco's King Hassan II inviting him to an emergency Arab summit "in the first part of this month," Amman radio reported.Amman papers *SAWT AL-SHA'B and AL-DUSTUR welcomed Moroccan King* Hassan II's call for an emergency Arab summit, although they indicated that Jordan would want such a meeting to focus on a wide range of urgent issues, according to Amman radio.

### Egypt

*Internal Situation* — President Husni Mubarak issued strict instructions prohibiting any commodity price increases that would affect the working masses, Cairo radio reported. The president asked the prime minister to immediately meet with other ministers to discuss recent price rises. Increases in food prices and in Public health insurance Premiums had sparked off riots in Kafr Al-Dawwar and protests in Alexandria, AFP noted.

*Foreign Policy* — In an interview carried by MENA, Mubarak confirmed that Egypt has received information about Libyan plans to strike the Aswan High Dam. Egypt has warned Libya to beware "playing with fire" and it would return such a strike "ten fold," the president added. Mubarak also endorsed the People's Assembly's decision to formally withdraw Egypt from the 1971 confederation with Libya and Syria, pointing out that this agreement has become "useless" and is nothing more than "worthless paper."

### Lebanon

Minister of State Nabih Birri said in Washington that Lebanon rejects any role for Antoine Lahd's "army of southern Lebanon" and considers the Lebanese Army capable of ensuring security for the Galilee, Beirut radio reported. The Shi'ite leader also asserted that the return of the Palestinians to the south is not acceptable, according to Voice of Lebanon radio.

In Beirut, Lebanese security officials disclosed that two groups of Fatah terrorists recently infiltrated Israel by sea to carry out operations intended to demonstrate that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is still influential and capable of attacking Israel, the Voice of Lebanon reported.

### PDRY Leader in USSR

PDRY leader 'Ali Nasir Muhammad arrived in Moscow on a "short visit," where he was met by Boris Ponomarev, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, according to Moscow television.

### Afghanistan

Afghanistan rejected the "fabrications and baseless accusations" made by Pakistan that Afghan aircraft attacked Pakistani territory on 27 September, BAKHTAR reported citing Afghan authorities. Such "anti-Afghan campaigns" are planned by "international imperialism and reaction," headed by the United States, the agency affirmed. The Pakistani authorities must accept the "consequences" of their "hostile policy" against the DRA, according to the Afghan Foreign Ministry.

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### Government Rejects Pakistan's Air Attack Claim

*LD011512 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 1 Oct 84*

[Text] Kabul, 1 Oct (BAKHTAR) — The charge d'affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the DRA Foreign Affairs Ministry this afternoon at 1400 hours and the claim by Pakistani authorities of an attack by Afghan aircraft on Teri Mangal was rejected by the head of the First Political Directorate of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

Recently Pakistani authorities claimed that Afghan aircraft attacked the Teri Mangal region on 27 September.

According to information from relevant Afghan authorities no such aerial or ground attack by the country's Armed Forces took place in that region, and the Pakistani authorities' claim is completely untrue.

History shows that this is not the first time the Pakistani rulers have resorted to fabrications against the DRA. For more than 6 years there has been armed aggression against revolutionary Afghanistan, mainly from Pakistani territory. Now the Pakistani Government, despite such fabrications and baseless accusations, cannot conceal the known fact that for a long time Pakistan has been transformed into the main base of intervention and armed aggression against the DRA, a military training center for Afghan counterrevolutionaries, a huge weapons' store which is made available to the enemies of Afghanistan and to the main organizer of the undeclared war against our country.

It is also known to everyone that international imperialism and reaction, headed by the U.S. imperialism, which follows a policy of domination in the region, is behind all these anti-Afghan campaigns by Pakistani authorities.

The DRA Government has time and again pointed out that the hostile policy taken up by the Pakistani authorities against Afghanistan in no way serves the interests of the Pakistani people, or peace and tranquillity in the region. It can only serve the strategic and expansionist policy of U.S. imperialism.

The DRA Foreign Affairs Ministry completely rejects the baseless accusations by Pakistani authorities against the DRA and strongly protests against them. It points out that if explosions had taken place in arms stores of Afghan counterrevolutionaries based in Teri Mangal this is not only the result of internal disputes among Afghan counterrevolutionary bands but of the incorrect policy of the military regime of Pakistan based on stationing, training, and arming of these bands in the vicinity of the DRA. Pakistani authorities must accept its consequences.

The DRA Foreign Affairs Ministry believes that the attitude of the Pakistani authorities based on fabrications and accusations is a distorted viewpoint which cannot overshadow the peaceful policy of the DRA which is always seeking the peaceful settlement of problems.

### Pashtun Leader Visited by Karmal Before Leaving Kabul

*LD292138 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 29 Sep 84*

[Excerpt] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, yesterday visited the great leder of Pashtuns Khan Abdol Ghafar Khan at his residence.

Khan Abdol Ghafar Khan expressed gratitude for attention paid to him by Babrak Karmal. He also expressed thanks for the excellent medical examinations and treatment he had received in Kabul.

According to another report, Khan Abdol Ghafar Khan accompanied by Khan Abdol Wali Khan, one of the leaders of Pashtuns and a leader of the National Democratic Party, and his wife Mrs Nasim Wali today left Kabul.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that at Kabul International Airport, Khan Abdol Ghafar Khan, Khan Abdol Wali Khan, and Mrs Nasim Wali were seen off by Anahita Ratebzad, Najibollah, Mohammad Rafi, and Mohammad Aslam Watanjar, members of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; Mahmud Barialay, 'Abdoz Zohur Razmjo, and Mohammad Esma'il Danesh, candidate members of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; Mir Sahib Karwal and Niaz Mohammad Mohmand, secretaries of the PDPA Central Committee; some members of the party Central Committee; vice chairmen and some members of the Council of Ministers; deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of the Ministry of Tribal and Nationalities Affairs, and a large number of Pashtuns residing in Kabul.

Solayman La'eq, minister of tribal and nationalities affairs, and Borhan Ghiasi, minister of higher and vocational education, accompanied Khan Abdol Ghafar Khan and his entourage to Jalalabad.

### Dost's UN General Assembly Speech Reported

*LD301944 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Sep 84*

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, the DRA minister of foreign affairs last Friday delivered a statement to the 39th UN General Assembly session.

With reference to the threat to world peace, Shah Mohammad Dost said that the major reason for this threat comes from the warmongering, aggressive circles of the imperialist camp, principally U.S. imperialism, which is inclined to make use of nuclear weapons.

In another part of his speech, the DRA foreign minister stated that the unprecedented threat by U.S. interventionist forces in every corner of the world, along with their undertaking provocative wars and covert operations against the world's countries and peoples, has created concern about the not very covert aims of the United States.

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### Jordan

Israel should publicly announce its acceptance of the principle of complete withdrawal from the Arab territories in return for recognition and security, Foreign Minister Tahir al-Masri told the UN General Assembly in a speech published by the Amman daily *AL-RA'Y*. Asserting that Israel's rejection of this principle demonstrates its desire for both territory and recognition, Al-Masri warned that Israel "cannot obtain both peace and territory."

Meanwhile, the Dubayy paper *AL-BAYAN* disclosed that King Husayn has approved PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's request for a Fatah military force to be established on Jordanian territory. The force will be comprised of over 1,000 'Arafat supporters and will be called the National Liberation Army.

### Lebanon

*Karami in Washington* — Prime Minister Rashid Karami, in remarks broadcast by Beirut radio, described his talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz as "useful," adding that the Lebanese side had sensed "positive, encouraging points" in the U.S. stand.

*Security* — The security situation suffered a "setback" when violent clashes erupted in the Suq al-Gharb-'Aytat area of the Mountain, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. The clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio accused the Army and the Phalangists of initiating the fighting, while the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon claimed that the "Junblattists" violated several cease-fire agreements. Meanwhile, Israeli and Phalangist military officials held talks on the situation in the south and in the Al-Kharrub area, according to the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio.

In another development, the pro-Syrian daily *AL-SHARQ* revealed that the Syrian authorities have identified the abductors of Saudi diplomat Husayn Farrash and two Americans, William Buckley and Jeremy Levine, Radio Free Lebanon reported. The paper predicted that Syrian pressure will lead to the release of the Saudi envoy, but it said no progress has been made in securing the release of the Americans.

### Kuwait

A number of Soviet experts will shortly arrive in Kuwait in connection with the Kuwaiti-Soviet arms deal, Defense Minister Shaykh Salim al-Sabah announced in a press statement reported by KUNA. He also confirmed that Kuwait is considering purchasing U.S. fighter aircraft. However, a Foreign Ministry source cited by KUNA denied reports that Kuwait has already submitted a request to the U.S. Government to purchase F-16 aircraft. Nevertheless, the daily *AL-QABAS* reported that Kuwait, the UAE, and Bahrain are all seeking to buy F-16s, according to AFP.

### Iraq

*Minister Removed* — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hamid 'Alwan was relieved from his post because of his failure "to respect regular office hours" and "dereliction of duty," according to a presidential decree broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio.

*USSR Official Arrives* — USSR Deputy Premier Yakov Ryabov arrived on a 2-day visit to help inaugurate a dam built with Soviet aid, INA reported.

### PDRY Leader in USSR

PDRY leader 'Ali Nasir Muhammad was received in Moscow by CPSU Central Committee General Secretary Konstantin Chernenko, Moscow television reported. Boris Ponomarev, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, also attended the meeting, which was held in an "atmosphere of friendship, comradeship, and full mutual understanding."

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### Dost Meets With Foreign Affairs Officials at UN

*LD030313 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 2 Oct 84*

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs and head of the DRA delegation to the 39th session of the UN General Assembly, yesterday met separately with the foreign affairs ministers of Cyprus, Iraq, Syria and the head of the political office of the PLO and exchanged views on topic of interest.

The foreign affairs minister also met Malmierca, Cuban foreign affairs minister, and Jorge Paulo, foreign affairs minister of Angola, and discussed the topics of mutual interest.

### Minister Attends Afridi Tribal Assembly

*LD012206 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 1 Oct 84*

[Text] Solayman Laeq, minister of nationalities and tribal affairs, today took part in the tribal assembly of the Afridi tribe leaders and elders in Jalalabad city. A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that Solayman Laeq spoke on the aggressive policy of the Pakistan military regime and said that the military regime of General Ziaul Haq under the guidance of the Reagan administration has taken up the implementation of the American war program against the DRA.

He said that Ziaul Haq's regime and his accomplices are fueling war and destruction in this part of the world.

The minister of nationalities and tribal affairs assured the Afridi tribes that the DRA respects it fraternal ties with the tribes and that our tribal brethern can rely completely on the support of revolutionary Afghanistan.

He added that war-mongering forces, headed by the United States, want to impose their will on our peopole, but our revolutionary party and government, with the assistance of our reliable friends headed by the Soviet Union, have appropriately replied to every aggressor and enemy.

Solayman Laeq called on the participants of the tribal assembly to further consolidate unity among the tribes in order to repulse foreign aggression.

The BAKHTAR correspondent adds that in this tribal assembly Haji Morad Khan Kawki Kheyl and Wakil Mohammad Omar Kheyl-Afridi and a number of Afridi leaders on behalf of the brave people of the Afridi tribes, in their speeches assured minister of nationalities and tribal affairs that independent tribes regards the DRA as their fatherland and no one can separate their people from the people of Afghanistan.

Afridi leaders said that those who doubt the fraternity of Afghan tribes would only put shame on themselves.

The BAKHTAR correspondent adds that in conclusion the Afridi leaders asked Solayman Laeq to convey their support and fraternal feelings to Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

### Kabul Cites Journal on Lowgar Province Offensive

*LD030232 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 0205 GMT 2 Oct 84*

[From the press review]

[Text] *HAQIQAT-E SARBAZ* journal [organ of the Ministry of Defense] in its Monday 1 October issue, in addition to domestic news and important events in the DRA Armed Forces, has published a report on the victories of troops and officers in Lowgar Province which reads in part:

Warm greetings and best wishes from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, president of the Revolutionary Council and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, were conveyed on 27 September by Brigadier General Mohammad Nabi Azimi, member of the Revolutionary Council and first assistant to the minister of defense, who was also accompanied by Brigadier General Mohammad Akram, head of the Propaganda and Popularization Department of the Army Political Affairs unit, to officers and troops of those units and companies who are still engaged in eliminating and crushing the last counterrevolutionary remnants in Lowgar Province and who have achieved considerable victories.

Brig Gen Mohammad Nabi Azimi and his accompanying delegation inspected caches of arms and ammunition, including four American mortars, recoilless guns, ZK-1 [as heard], four DShK's, several anti-aircraft machine guns, large number of rocket-launchers, large number of anti-tank and personnel mines, English .303 rifles, Egyptian Kalashnikovs, tens of thousands of rounds of various types of ammunition, foodstuffs, rents, etc, which have been seized from the enemies of the revolution in Bangi, Shinkay Kowtal, Sheni, Zenyah and other regions of Lowgar Province as a result of the heroism and victories of the officers, NCO's and troops of the Army.

As a result of several days of combat activities by the units and companies, large areas have been cleared of the foul existence of the enemy, their weapons seized and eight supply dumps destroyed.

### Guards Group Returns From Estalef Duty

*LD290902 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Sep 84*

[Excerpts] A group of revolutionary guards, dispatched to Estalef [village 20 miles north of Kabul] 9 months ago by the Kabul City party committee to carry out propaganda and social work and to crush the counterrevolution returned victoriously to Kabul today.

These militant and true revolutionary guards were warmly welcomed at Chemtal by Zohur Razmjo, candidate member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and secretary of the Kabul City party committee and governor of Kabul; Wali Mohammad Abdiani, Kabul mayor; some officials of the Kabul

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### Cyprus Bombing

Palestinian dissident leader Colonel Sa'id Musa Muragha claimed that his supporters carried out the 4 October car-bomb attack on the Israeli Embassy in Cyprus, AFP reported citing a communique issued in Damascus. Earlier, a PLO source accused the Israelis of staging the explosion in order to undermine Palestinian-Cypriot relations, according to Radio Monte Carlo.

### Libya

*Reaction to Egypt* — Libya reacted against Egypt's decision to formally secede from the defunct 1971 unity agreement with Libya and Syria. In a statement broadcast by Tripoli radio, the "Federal National Assembly of the Union of Arab Republics" denounced Egypt's "illegal" move, asserting that no party has the right to withdraw from the union without holding a referendum, and that Egypt's withdrawal is therefore "null and void."

*Presence in Chad* — Libyan troops are still present in 14 areas of northern Chad, including Faya-Largeau, AFP reported citing sources in Ndjamena. Recent "indications" of a Libyan withdrawal were not confirmed and no withdrawal has been "noticed," the agency said.

### French Diplomacy

Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan met with President Francois Mitterrand and Defense Minister Charles Hernu in Paris for talks on Middle East affairs, AFP reported. A source close to the Saudi delegation noted that the discussion covered ways to speed up French arms deliveries to the Saudis, the agency added. Meanwhile, monitored Syrian media have not mentioned or confirmed a Brussels radio report that Mitterrand will visit Syria in November.

### Egypt-Israel

Negotiations between the two countries on the future of Tabah will be resumed "probably immediately upon Prime Minister Peres' return from the United States" according to a report by the Jerusalem paper *DAVAR*. Egyptian media have not confirmed the report.

### Algeria-USSR

A Soviet delegation headed by CPSU Central Committee Secretary Boris Ponomarev arrived in Algeria on the invitation of the FLN, Algiers radio reported.

### Inter-Arab Affairs

Jordan should have consulted with other Arab states before restoring its relations with Egypt, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir stated in a London magazine interview reported by KUNA. He described the Jordanian move as a "hasty" decision that came at an "unsuitable" time. Meanwhile, Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri dismissed Morocco's call for an emergency Arab summit on the issue, asserting that such a meeting would perpetuate "differences over nothing" and would be an unacceptable violation of each Arab country's right to make whatever decision it deems proper, according to SUNA. The Moroccan appeal is not merely "useless" but is also "dubious," Numayri added, because Morocco is united with Libya and cannot take a neutral position on Jordan's move.

### Iran-Iraq conflict

After meeting with Iranian Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the chairman of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SAIRI) said their talks focused on difficulties facing Iraqi refugees in Iran and on the presence of SAIRI forces at the frontline to help fight against President Saddam Husayn's regime, Tehran radio reported. SAIRI has decided to mobilize all available Iraqis to help overthrow Saddam Husayn, he added.

### Afghanistan

The Special Revolutionary Court sentenced nine men to death for their part in various rebel operations including the 31 August bombing at Kabul Airport, according to Kabul radio.

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**Karmal, Others Meet GDR Delegation 4 Oct**
*LD050622 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 5 Oct 84*

[Text] Kabul, October 4, BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, received GDR delegation headed by Gerald Goetting, chairman of the State Council of the GDR, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union and president of the GDR's friendship societies with foreign countries today.

They discussed the matters related to the existing friendly relations between the peoples of the DRA and GDR.

Likewise, Abdul Majid Sarbuland, deputy-chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA and Anahita Ratibzad, member of Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA and chairman of peace, friendship and solidarity organization of the DRA, had separate meetings with Gerald Goetting.

During the meetings, they exchanged views on matters of mutual interest.

The discussions took place in a friendly and warm atmosphere.

**Foundation Anniversary of GDR Marked**
*LD040735 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0424 GMT 4 Oct 84*

[Text] Kabul, October 3 BAKHTAR — The 35th foundation anniversary of the German Democratic Republic was marked here today in a grand meeting held on the occasion.

Addressing the meeting, Sayyed Taher Shah Paykargar deputy-chairman of the Afghan-German Friendship Society emphasized in his speech in the meeting that great progress have been achieved by the GDR's people in social, political scientific and cultural life.

He highly evaluated the all-sided efforts of the GDR and other socialist countries headed by the Soviet Union on the way of curbing arms race, particularly prevention of nuclear catastrophe.

Paykargar said that the existing friendly relations between the peoples, parties and governments of the DRA and the GDR will further expand.

He emphasized that, the recent visit of a high-ranking party and state delegation of the DRA — headed by Babrak Karmal — to the GDR and signing of economic and technical cooperation agreement between the two countries, opened a new chapter in the friendly relations and friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

Then Professor Kort Gar, member of the presidium of the State Council of the GDR and member of the presidium of the GDR's friendship societies with foreign countries stressed in his speech that great achievements have been scored by Afghan people under the leadership of PDPA headed by Babrak Karmal.

He pointed out that, despite the obstacles created by imperialism headed by the US imperialism and their undeclared war against the DRA the Afghan people will build a new and prosperous society.

**Karmal Thanks Ceausescu for Greetings**
*AU041002 Bucharest SCINTEIA in Romanian 3 Oct 84 p 5*

[Text] To Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, RCP secretary general and president of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA], of the Revolutionary Council, and the people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], I want to convey thanks to you, esteemed comrade, to the RCP, and the fraternal Romanian people for the amiable message of congratulations extended on the 65th anniversary of Afghanistan's independence.

I want to assure you that the relations of friendship that exist in such a fortunate manner between our countries will continue to develop and expand to the benefit of both countries.

Esteemed comrade, please accept my best wishes for good health and personal happiness, and wishes for the constant progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

Babrak Karmal, PDPA Central Committee general secretary and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA.

**Kabul Airport Bombers Tried, Sentenced**
*LD041730 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1547 GMT 4 Oct 84*

[Text] Our noble working patriots witnessed a very severe crime by the counterrevolutionaries on 31 August at Kabul International Airport, as a result of which 13 people were martyred, 47 severly wounded, and 160 received minor injuries. The Kabul International Airport terminal was also damaged.

As a result of consistent efforts by the heroic security forces of the country, in cooperation with the people, these lunatics were arrested. During investigations they openly confessed to their inhuman crimes carried out in our beloved country at the instigation of U.S. imperialism and reactionaries of the region.

These criminals were tried in open court today at the DRA special Revolutionary Court, and were sentenced in accordance to the dictates of the DRA penal code and revolutionary law.

During today's open trial, in which over 500 of our compatriots took part, the DRA special revolutionary prosecutor outlined the crimes committed by the accused, presenting unquestionable evidence. Sufficient time was given to each of the accused to present his defense.

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### Egypt-Jordan

Jordan's King Husayn announced that he will visit Egypt "at the first available opportunity," MENA reported citing *AL-AHRAM*. Although Jordanian sources quoted by *AL-AHRAM* predicted that Jordan and Egypt will exchange ambassadors shortly, Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid told journalists in Jordan that ambassadors will not be exchanged at present, according to Jordan's *AL-RA'Y*. Meanwhile, an Egyptian source speculated that the joint statement to be issued at the end of Husayn's talks with President Husni Mubarak will announce measures aimed at establishing "some form of unity" between the two countries, Radio Monte Carlo reported.

Answering questions on his talks with Husayn at a news conference broadcast by Amman television, Mubarak said their discussions covered possible future moves on the Palestine issue as well as the need to unify Palestinian ranks and renounce "estrangement and fragmentation." Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Majid described the Jordanian-Egyptian talks as "successful," adding that Egypt welcomes any initiative aimed at a peaceful solution of the Palestine question, Amman radio noted.

### Israeli Policy on Lebanon, Egypt

Israel will make a decision on withdrawal from Lebanon "within a few weeks," Prime Minister Shim'on Peres stated in a Jerusalem television interview from Washington. In Israel, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir told Jerusalem television that Israel is likely to formulate "some sort of program" for withdrawal "within 3 weeks." As for policy toward Egypt, Peres asserted that "it does not matter what the Egyptian statements are at this moment," but Shamir viewed Egyptian official Usamah al-Baz's recent criticism of Israel as a "grave blow" to the chances of peace.

### Lebanon

*Spanish Ambassador* — The Spanish ambassador was freed hours after being kidnapped by youths demanding the release of two Shi'ites arrested in Madrid last month for shooting a Libyan diplomat, AFP reported. The Amal movement, which was instrumental in securing the ambassador's release, said the abductors were relatives or friends of the men detained in Spain.

*Abu Nadir's Appointment* — Fu'ad Abu Nadir's appointment as Lebanese Forces commander will not change the Phalangist military establishment's good relations with Israel, according to a Phalangist Party source cited by Israel's *HA'ARETZ*. Nevertheless, the Damascus paper *AL-THAWRAH* welcomed former commander Fadi Afram's "downfall" as a defeat for Israel and for the section of the Phalangist leadership that "dealt" with Israel, SANA reported. Abu Nadir's appointment has restored the Phalangist political leadership's control over its military wing and is another victory for President Amin al-Jumayyil following his earlier success in securing Elie Karamah's election as Phalangist Party leader, *AL-THAWRAH* contended.

### Syria-USSR

President Hafiz al-Asad will pay a "cordial working visit" to the Soviet Union in the middle of October, Damascus television disclosed.

### Saudi-Brazilian Arms Agreement

A protocol for military industrial cooperation was signed in Brasilia by Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan and the Brazilian foreign minister, SPA disclosed. As described by Sao Paolo radio, the agreement provides for the manufacture of Brazilian weapons in Saudi Arabia and their export to Arab countries, as well as technological transfer and personnel training.

### Iran

A "sub-critical" nuclear reactor at the Esfahan nuclear technology center will become operational by the end of March 1985, IRNA announced, adding that the research reactor had been "completely designed and built by about 100 Iranian nuclear staff experts."

### DRA

A bomb heavily damaged Afghanistan's Supreme Court, prompting strict security measures at official buildings in Kabul, Tehran radio claimed citing Afghan revolutionary sources. The same sources stated that 70,000 fresh Soviet troops recently joined the 115,000 already stationed at strategic points.

### Chad Withdrawal

The Chadian Government has approved the joint supervision by France and Libya of the withdrawal of their forces, an official communique carried by Ndjamena radio stated. It added that the government "has taken every measure" to ensure that the joint withdrawal "will really and effectively take place."

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### Egypt-Jordan

President Husni Mubarak's talks with King Husayn produced several "extremely important" results headed by an agreement to form a higher Jordanian-Egyptian committee to ratify and follow up programs of cooperation in various fields, the two sides announced in a joint statement broadcast by Amman radio. The talks will also enhance Arab solidarity, bolster efforts to confront difficulties over the Palestine question, strengthen support for Iraq in its "just battle," and give momentum to Arab efforts to help Lebanon overcome its problems by itself, the statement affirmed.

Commenting on the talks in remarks reported by Cairo radio, President Mubarak stressed that the restoration of diplomatic relations "does not mean that we should commit anyone to Camp David," and he added that Egypt seeks a comprehensive peace settlement "in any possible way." Mubarak, who had just returned to Cairo, also dismissed speculation about a unity agreement with Jordan, asserting that the two sides "did not discuss unity" but sought to "coordinate" in the interest of the Arab cause. Foreign Ministry First Under Secretary Usamah al-Baz noted that the talks will promote high-level political coordination and facilitate trade exchange and travel, but he pointed out that "this does not mean there is unity because urity is regarded as an advanced phase," according to the radio.

Meanwhile, President Mubarak has approved Ihab Wahbah's nomination as Egypt's ambassador to Jordan, MENA reported citing the Egyptian foreign minister.

### Israeli Policy on Lebanon

At a news conference in New York, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres announced Israel's willingness to withdraw from the Al-Biqa' Valley if the IDF is replaced by UNIFIL, Jerusalem radio reported. However, if Syria does not make its own position clear, "we don't have to withdraw simultaneously from all parts of Lebanon," he stated in remarks broadcast by the radio. Peres' statements hinting at a partial withdrawal were criticized by Israeli "security elements" cited by *MA'ARIV*, who claimed that such remarks are weakening Israel's bargaining power vis-a-vis the Shi'ite population of southern Lebanon.

### Syria-USSR-PLO

President Hafiz al-Asad's forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union will be "decisive" in restoring normal relations between Syriaand the PLO, according to Arab diplomatic sources in Moscow cited by KUNA. There are "indications" that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat will visit the USSR after Al-Asad to discuss the PLO'S relations with Syria and its internal differences, KUNA added.

### PLO-ALGERIA

PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir met with the Algerian foreign minister for talks on the latest developments in the Palestinian situation, including the efforts of Algeria and the PDRY to create an "appropriate climate" for convening the PNC, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported. Meanwhile, the FLN Politburo has decided that Algeria will host the PNC session, according to a PLO source in Amman cited by WAKH.

### Iraq

Iraq will "study" its relationship with the United States after the presidential elections, President Saddam Husayn declared in an interview with *AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI* cited by INA. Husayn went on to assert that Egypt "must not remain in its current situation" but should have relations with Arab states on an "enlightened basis removed from wagers and unprincipled policies," or else the Arabs will suffer the consequences. Speaking of the Gulf war, Husayn predicted that the Iranians will launch another attack but he said a surprise factor would be almost impossible.

Meanwhile, *AL-JUMHURIYAH* warned that since "some governments have behaved irresponsibly" in helping Iran to obtain arms, Iraq has no choice but to tighten the siege on Khark Island and destroy any ship violating the siege, regardless of its identity, INA reported.

### Saudi-Brazilian Arms Sales

In addition to signing the protocol on military-industrial cooperation, negotiations are under way for the sale of Brazilian rocket launchers, armored vehicles, planes, warships, and other weapons to Saudi Arabia, the Brazilian paper *O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO* disclosed.

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### Iran-Iraq Conflict

*Iraqi Warning, Contacts* — At a Baghdad press conference reported by Paris Radio Monte Carlo, the Iraqi information and culture minister warned Iran that Iraq will destroy 70 selected Iranian economic targets if the Iranians launch a new "aggression" against Iraq. Meanwhile, Egyptian President Husni Mubarak telephoned President Saddam Husayn to inquire about the situation at the front and congratulate the Iraqi leader on the latest Iraqi "victory," according to Baghdad radio.

*Meymak Fighting* — IRNA reported a lull in the fighting but updated its estimate of Iraqi losses to 3,800 casualties and 30 tanks. However, an Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio said the Iraqi Army and Air Force dealt further blows to the Iranians, killing another 400 men and destroying 9 tanks and over 450 other vehicles. Total Iranian losses in Meymak have reached 2,499, the communique added.

### Iran-Turkey

Turkish Interior Minister Ali Tanriyar said on his departure from Iran, after meeting with the president, prime minister, and interior minister, that he was "very satisfied" with his visit, according to IRNA. In their talks, President 'Ali Khamene'i warned Tanriyar that the Iraqi Muslims would regard any help given to the Iraqi regime as "against their interests," IRNA noted. Meanwhile, Ankara's *ANATOLIA* disclosed that the Turkish Government is arming villagers living on the Iraqi border to fight the "separatist terrorists" and cited reports that Kurdish militants are moving toward Syria.

### Libya

JANA claimed that a Libyan airliner landing at Athens International Airport was almost hit by "a rocket coming from the direction of a U.S. military air base." However, Greek officials said no such incident occurred and they denied JANA's assertion that the Libyan plane captain reported such an incident to the airport control tower, according to Nicosia radio.

### Lebanon

*Al-Jumayyil Libya Visit* — President Amin al-Jumayyil arrived in Libya where he was received by Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, JANA reported. Lebanese sources cited by AFP said their talks would cover Middle East developments and the reactivation of Arab financial aid to Lebanon.

*Economic Measures* — The Cabinet has agreed on a number of measures to restore economic stability, including a decision to instruct the security authorities to bring the fifth dock of Beirut Port under government control, Prime Minister Rashid Karami disclosed in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio after a Cabinet meeting in B'abda.

*Palestinian Clashes* — Lebanese Army units surrounded the Burj al-Barajinah area of southern Beirut to contain a clash between supporters and opponents of PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, according to security sources cited by Beirut radio.

### PLO

At a meeting in Baghdad with Yasir 'Arafat, Iraqi President Saddam Husayn affirmed both his backing for the PLO's "legitimate leadership" and Iraq's readiness to give "all forms of moral and material support" to the PLO, Baghdad Voice of PLO reported. Later, 'Arafat asserted to a group of Palestinians in Baghdad that the PNC will meet by the end of November, the radio noted. In an interview cited by the radio, 'Arafat admitted that both Arab and non-Arab efforts to rectify Syrian-Palestinian relations before the PNC meets have "reached a dead end."

### Israel

After hearing proposals of the Bank of Israel and the Treasury on how to remedy the country's economic crisis, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres has decided to negotiate a 'package deal' with the national labor union to begin November 1, Jerusalem radio reported. The plan would freeze wages and prices and reject 'dollarization' of the Israeli economy, the radio added.

### Jordan

The experience of buying arms in Moscow was "successful" and the USSR has offered Jordan new weapons, Information Minister Layla Sharaf said in a press interview reported by WAKH.

### Pakistan

Pakistani civilians were evacuated from the Punch District border with India as Indian and Pakistani troops continued a "heavy exchange of fire" which began on 18 October, Dhaka radio reported. However, reacting to "certain baseless, sensational reports carried by the Indian media," a press release from the Pakistani Embassy in New Delhi cited by Karachi radio reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to the "promotion of peace and friendship" with India and its readiness for talks on "any aspect" of their relations.

In a separate development, security forces in Sind Province were placed on alert as hundreds of students demonstrated against the alleged killing of "at least five" of their colleagues by police on 17 October, according to AFP. While Pakistani media have not been observed to report on the demonstrations or the alert, Karachi radio did announce that all schools and colleges in Hyderabad Division will "remain closed" until 26 October and that scheduled university examinations have been postponed.

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**Karmal Interview on Soviet Role Reported**
*LD222343 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 22 Oct 84*

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, recently was interviewed in Kabul in a free and democratic atmosphere by well-known Mexican journalist Luis Suarez.

In reply to the question: In your opinion how has Afghanistan's status advanced in the international arena, and at the present time what are the DRA's proposals to move Afghanistan back to normalcy? Babrak Karmal said:

It is clear to you, the world public, those who are familiar with world history, and in particular all the people of Latin America that revolutions, whether in defense of independence or for the restoration of independence, and social revolutions aimed at toppling oppressive, exploitative classes, have always been confronted with international and internal reaction. From the start, despite the recognition of the April revolution by all countries who had diplomatic and political relations with Afghanistan, counterrevolutionary forces concentrated themselves in neighboring countries, particularly Pakistan. Our revolution was also confronted by class counterrevolutionaries and by the exploiters and oppressors who had been toppled. Nevertheless the revolution forges ahead.

The April revolution, which was succeeded by the leadership of our party — the PDPA — and which stems from the historic and national determination of the people of Afghanistan, is following a principled and peaceful policy.

Therefore, after the victory of the revolution, counterrevolutionary forces, including international imperialism, led by U.S. imperialism, Chinese hegemonists, Pakistani military reaction, and then rightist reactionary ruling circles in Iran and other countries allied to U.S. imperialism, to NATO countries and to Arab reaction, along with internal counterrevolutionary forces, formed an unholy front against the Afghan revolution. Nevertheless this Afghanistan proclaimed to the world public its peaceful proposals on the basis of realism, reason, and principles, for the solution of issues around Afghanistan which were created as a result of imperialism's interference and conspiracies.

In May 1980, when you came to our country, the frist DRA statement was issued and then a follow-up statement was issued by the DRA in August 1981. Regrettably, however, we must say that the reactionary circles or the military junta of Pakistan, led by Ziaul Haq, did not give a positive reply.

The reactionary ruling circles of Iran rejected it.

However, the DRA, with coolness and firmness follows its initiative and its peaceful policy. Afghanistan, from the viewpoint of its international relations, today enjoys high prestige.

We have political relations with 80 countries of the world. Afghanistan's prestige in the world increases every day. The role of Afghanistan in the Nonaligned Movement is improtant. Afghanistan is a founder of the Nonaligned Movement. If we categorize the main points of our proposals we should say that all foreign interference and aggression against our revolution, independence, territorial integrity, and national sovereignty must be halted.

On the basis of the principles Charter of the UN, on the basis of international standards and laws, and in the interest of good neighborly relations, we have proposed that international guarantees be given regarding interference and aggression in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

In regard to the issue of refugees we have always announced that the the gate of our country is open to all our compatriots who are living outside the country.

Replying to another question from Luis Suarez, asking whether the West's claim that Afghanistan has been occupied can be disproved, Babrak Karmal said:

The victory of the revolution has gradually shaped numerous cunning, aggressive, and treacherous conspiracies against our revolution, independence, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

Afghanistan was in a situation where its existence as an independent, nonaligned country neither under colonialism nor under the influence of imperialism or, alternatively, the disintegration of Afghanistan were being discussed by regional reactionaries, imperialists, and hegemonists.

Under such circumstances and conditions, in accordance with the determination of the people of Afghanistan's deep-rooted historical and national friendship with the Soviet Union and on the basis of the PDPA's correct and principled perception, the revolutionary pioneer of the people of Afghanistan, the state and government of the DRA, decided to invite the (?units) of the USSR — the historical friend of our people — to safeguard the independence, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity of our country. In order to prevent the disintegration of Afghanistan and to defend the gains of the revolution, a positive reply was given to the legal request of the Revolutionary Council, based on the friendship, cooperation, and goodneighborliness treaty concluded on 5 December 1978 between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, and based on previous agreements concluded after the independence of our country, and on Article 51 of the UN Charter. [words indistinct] as a result of the legal decision in accordance with international regulations and standards, Afghan-Soviet relations, the existing treaties and the UN Charter, limited military units of the Soviet Union were invited by Afghanistan to defend the freedom and independence of our country.

Allow me to state here one of my recollections:

In his conversation with me, one of the American journalists claimed that allegedly the military units of the USSR have occupied Afghanistan.

I asked him to please define "occupation." He was a little agitated and could not say the exact definition of the word "occupation."

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### Iran-Iraq War

Iranian and Iraqi communiques broadcast respectively by Tehran and Baghdad radios reported further exchanges of fire in the Meymak area. While the Iraqi command said its Air Force carried out further destructive attacks against enemy targets in the area, the Iranian military staff claimed that its air defenses forced Iraqi aircraft to "flee."

In another development, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni held talks with his new representative on the Supreme Defense Council, Brigadier General Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, IRNA reported. Meanwhile, Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i stressed that there will be "no chance for peace" as long as Saddam Husayn remains president of Iraq, according to IRNA.

### Egypt-Iraq

Commenting on his 22 October telephone conversation with Saddam Husayn, President Husni Mubarak said the Iraqi leader invited him to visit Iraq whenever he wishes, MENA reported.

### Gulf Defense

The Saudi Armed Forces are prepared not only to defend the Kingdom but also to protect "vital" Arab and Islamic interests, Saudi Deputy Defense and Aviation Minister Prince 'Abd al-Rahmân asserted in a statement reported by SPA.

Meanwhile, a Brazilian military delegation arrived in Kuwait to discuss military cooperation, KUNA noted.

### OPEC

The six OPEC oil ministers who met in Geneva decided to defend the price of oil by cutting production, Saudi Oil Minister Shaykh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said in remarks cited by KUNA. Saudi Arabia will make a "substantial" cut, he stated. The production cut was also supported by Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi, IRNA disclosed. As for Nigeria, Shaykh Yamani confirmed that he will go to Lagos for talks with the Nigerians on their $2 oil-price reduction, KUNA noted. Meanwhile, to stem rumors that Nigeria is planning to quit OPEC, the minister of petroleum and energy sent a message reaffirming Nigeria's support and loyalty to the organization, Lagos' *NAN* revealed.

### Lebanon

*Al-Jumayyil Tour* — President Amin al-Jumayyil said his visit to Libya for talks with Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi was "very fruitful," according to the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio. Al-Jumayyil was speaking in Rome, where he subsequently met with Italian leaders and with Pope John Paul II, AFP noted.

*Rabin on Negotiations* — Israel must be prepared to engage in negotiations over Lebanon, even if they are "indirect," Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin stressed in a speech reported by Jerusalem radio. As for the Syrians, Rabin expressed the belief that they are ready to negotiate indirectly with Israel on security arrangements through the good offices of the United States.

### Israel

The government has decided to negotiate a "shekel package deal" with the Histadrut whereby wages and prices will be frozen for at least 4 months, Jerusalem radio reported. Noting that proposals to link the economy to the dollar were rejected, the radio said the exchange rate will not be frozen and devaluations will continue in accordance with the inflation rate. Further cuts in the state budget will cause widespread dismissals in the public sector and sharp increases in the prices of subsidized commodities. Speaking at the conclusion of the economic debate, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres warned Israelis that the interim period until the economy is healed will be "terrible" and will require a great deal of patience, according to Jerusalem television.

### PLO

Saudi King Fahd received PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat in Jeddah, SPA reported. In a separate development, the Baghdad Voice of PLO radio said Palestinian "revolutionaries" were responsible for the death of two "Zionist terrorists" in the Bayt Jala area of the West Bank on 22 October. Meanwhile, ITIM announced that Israeli security forces recently arrested a Fatah operations commander in the Hebron area.

### Libya

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi affirmed the "right of the Kurdish nation to freedom, independence, and unity, and to live in peace with the sisterly Arab and Turkish nations," according to a report carried by JANA. This was in reply to a request from visiting Kurdish Democratic Party leader Mas'ud Barzani for intervention from "concerned states" to end the "operations of genocide" to which the Kurds are being subjected.

### Pakistan

A special Cabinet meeting presided over by President Mohammad Ziaul Haq reviewed the country's internal situation, Karachi radio announced. Meanwhile, according to AFP, supporters of executed former Premier Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto joined the "agitation" in Sind Province.

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### Karmal Greets de Cuellar on UN Anniversary

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[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council has sent a message on the 39th anniversary of the establishment of the UN Organization, addressed to Javier Perez de Cuellar, secretary general of the organization. The message says: On behalf of the people, the government, and on my own behalf, I express most sincere wishes on the 39th anniversary of the formation of the United Nations and again declare loyalty to the aspirations and principles enshrined in the UN Charter.

The message also says: In contemporary history, the United Nations has played an effective role in the preservation of peace and security. Notwithstanding the great gains of the United Nations in strengthening and developing socioeconomic and cultural progress of nations and struggle against colonialism, great problems still face mankind. At the present the need for eliminating poverty, illness, illiteracy, racial prejudice, apartheid, and most important of all the danger of nuclear catastrophe, is more serious than ever before. Mankind canot accept another war, which will bring nothing but the total elimination of mankind and its centuries of civilization.

In his message, Babrak Karmal said: I believe the United Nations is the only organization which can effectively and seriously tackle the aforementioned problems. I look with appreciation at your personal efforts in this regard. Availing myself of this opportunity, I again express thanks for your efforts to seek peaceful means for solving the problems around Afghanistan, and I pledge the necessary help in this area.

As a nonaligned, peace-loving, and loyal member of the United Nations, Afghanistan will actively play its role in maintaining peace.

### Foreign Ministry Spokesman on Pakistani Ties to U.S.

*LD240912 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 23 Oct 84*

[Text] Kabul, 23 Oct (BAKHTAR) — Today, a spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Ministry told a BAKHTAR INFORMATION AGENCY representative the following:

At the same time the forced discussion is being held in the UN General Assembly on the so-called problem of Afghanistan, the Pakistan authorities speak about peaceful settlement of problems around Afghanistan and normalization of the situation in the region. However, substantial evidence exists that these words cover up the true intentions and actions of Pakistani rulers who in collaboration with world imperialism are trying to expand the undeclared war against the DRA.

The recent visit by the Pakistani foreign minister to Washington is a clear sign of the intentions of world imperialism and the reaction in that region to further increase intervention against the national democratic revolution of our country. Despite the crushing blows inflicted on the enemies of the people of Afghanistan by the heroic Armed Forces of the DRA with the unreserved cooperation of Afghan people, U.S. imperialism, its allies and collaborators in the region, especially the military regime of Pakistan, have not abandoned their efforts to create obstacles in the path of revolutionary process in Afghanistan and to expand undeclared war and criminal intervention in the internal affairs of our country.

In this connection, the visit by the Pakistani foreign minister to Washington is another effort by Islamabad not only to obtain further assurances from American authorities of support for the hostile policy of the military regime of Ziaul Haq against the DRA, but also to gain Washington's approval for new aggressive conspiracies against the DRA and obtain additional military aid.

Using excuses such as the so-called repeated DRA aggression into Pakistani territory and the existence of a threat from the north, Pakistani authorities are trying to obtain more arms including the advanced AWACS from the United States. This will also prepare the ground for the Pakistani Government to regularly consult with the United States on the border situation between the two countries, which in itself means direct U.S. participation in preparing banditry plans against the DRA.

Ruling circles and mass media in Pakistan claim that the Reagan administration once again stressed its so-called consistent and unswerving policy on Afghanistan, comprehensive support for Islamabad and further coordination of U.S. and Pakistani activities against the DRA.

Assurances made to the Pakistani foreign minister by Washington caused Pakistani rulers to make provocative and threatening statements against the DRA. For example, the Pakistani foreign minister recently said Pakistan has the ability to attack targets in Afghanistan. The military ruler of Pakistan also recently noted the use of previous military agreements with the United States against the imaginary threat from the north.

Considering these facts which constitute their actual policy, the use of mere words by ruling circles in Pakistan on the peaceful settlement of present problems and the efforts of imperialist and reactionary forces in the region cannot deceive the opinions of peace-loving countries which increasingly favor the Afghan people and their revolution.

The DRA, while desiring both the cessation of undeclared war against the DRA and peaceful settlement through discussion of problems concerning Afghanistan, will never allow its independence and freedom to be trampled by those who want to achieve world domination and make independent countries submit to them by threat or use of force.

The spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the DRA recognises the recent remarks by the Pakistani foreign minister as a clear interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. With regret, the ministry points out that in the present situation, when new ways and means are being sought to achieve success at the Geneva talks, the interventionist policy of Pakistan leaves undesired effects on the negotiation process.

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*Syrian, Israeli Comment* — Syria has not entered any direct or indirect negotiations with Israel and it has never agreed to enter such negotiations, Damascus radio contended in a commentary on Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin's recent remarks about Syria's willingness to enter indirect negotiations. Stressing that this "imperialist-Zionist psychological war" against Syria will not succeed in dragging it into "unilateral negotiations, side contacts, or any other form of bargaining," the radio affirmed that arrangements for an Israeli withdrawal are the responsibility of the Lebanese Government, not Syria. "He who seeks security arrangements with Lebanon must knock on the Lebanese door and search for the suitable framework," the radio added.

Nevertheless, Israeli Defense Minister Rabin affirmed in a Jerusalem television interview that there is a "reasonable chance" of reaching an "indirect understanding" with the Syrians, whose initial reaction to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's visit was "not disappointing." Asserting that the problem with Syria may be easier than with Prime Minister Rashid Karami's government, Rabin opined that the Syrians want Israel to withdraw because the IDF presence in Lebanon restricts their ability to threaten Jordan.

*Security Situation* — Nine "terrorists" were killed and three IDF soldiers were wounded in two more incidents in the south, Jerusalem radio reported. The "terrorists" have stepped up their attempts to infiltrate southward across the Al-Awwali River, the radio disclosed. Further north, the Lebanese Army clashed with Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia in the Suq al-Gharb area, according to Voice of Lebanon radio, which blamed the PSP for initiating the violence.

*Reforms* — Commenting on his recent talks with President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, Minister of State Nabih Birri said the Syrian leader had indicated a desire for the Lebanese Government to speed up the implementation of reforms, Beirut radio reported.

### Iran-Iraq War

An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio said that the Iraqi Air Force and II Army Corps continued to pound Iranian positions in the Sayf Sa'd area, Iraq's term for the battle zone referred to by Iran as "Meymak." The Iranians lost another 354 men killed and 1 helicopter shot down, the communique claimed. An Iranian communique cited by IRNA reported artillery exchanges in the Meymak area.

### Iraq-Turkey

Iraq and Turkey have agreed that forces from either side may pursue "subversive groups" into the other's territory provided the pursuit is "vital" and lasts no more than 3 days, the Iraqi information minister told INA.

### Syria-Libya

Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam arrived in Libya where he discussed the regional situation and bilateral relations with Libya's Staff Major 'Abd al-Salam Jallud, Damascus radio reported.

### Egypt

*Military Cooperation With UK* — Defense Minister 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah discussed military cooperation with Great Britain during talks with visiting British Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine, MENA reported.

*Mubarak Interview* — In an *AL-SHARQ AL-AWSAT* interview reported by MENA, President Mubarak urged the Palestinians to "act now" to formulate their own "practical initiative" to revive the Palestinian issue and solve the problem. Asked about relations with Syria, Mubarak said no contacts have taken place since President al-Asad's illness, but he added that Egypt and Syria will "inevitably meet again."

### PLO

Beginning a visit to Jordan, PLO Leader Yasir 'Arafat said his talks with King Husayn will deal with holding the PNC session in Amman, according to Amman radio. Meanwhile, Riyadh radio cited reports that the PNC will hold its extraordinary session in Amman "in the next few days." However, PNC speaker Khalid al-Fahum asserted that he has "no inkling" of the PNC convocation or the time set for it by Yasir 'Arafat, Kuwait's *AL-WATAN* revealed.

In a related development, a PFLP statement cited by Damascus radio supported the restoration of "comprehensive" PLO unity. As for the DFLP stance, a statement after a recent DFLP meeting stressed commitment to the Aden-Algiers agreement for restoring unity and securing democratic reform of the PLO institutions, "especially its leadership," Aden Voice of Palestine radio revealed.

### Pakistan

An official Pakistani spokesman denied a PTI report which claimed that there had been clashes between Pakistani and Indian troops on the Kashmir border, according to Karachi radio. As for internal affairs, a bomb blast in a Peshawar theater caused 2 deaths and 21 injuries, AFP reported, while another 3 persons were injured in a blast in Islamabad.

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### Israel

*Howe Visit* — During talks with visiting British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir called on Britain to drop its arms embargo and take a tougher line against the Arab boycott, Jerusalem radio reported. Israeli officials came away from the meeting believing that Britain will look sympathetically at the request to drop the arms embargo, the radio added. In their talks on Lebanon, Shamir told Sir Geoffrey that the key problem is to reach a direct or indirect understanding with the Syrians. The two foreign ministers also discussed terrorism, and Sir Geoffrey agreed with Shamir's call for all democracies to cooperate against this international problem, the radio noted. As for the British foreign secretary's talks with Prime Minister Shim'on Peres, the radio said the two sides differed over the PLO, with Peres reaffirming Israel's categorical rejection of the Venice Declaration's support for a PLO role in Middle East peace talks. The British foreign secretary invited both Peres and Shamir to visit Britain, the radio added, and Israeli officials viewed his talks in Jerusalem as "friendly and open."

### Egypt

Egypt is waiting until the U.S. elections are over and for new developments before it begins new moves on the entire Arab issue, Egyptian President Husni Mubarak declared in a statement to journalists cited by MENA, after his talks in Paris with French President Francois Mitterrand. While Mubarak denied that he will visit Iraq shortly, he met with the Iraqi ambassador to Paris in a fraternal atmosphere, according to MENA. The ambassador delivered a message to Mubarak from Iraqi President Saddam Husayn and they discussed the possible resumption of Egyptian-Iraqi relations, Radio Monte Carlo reported.

On the subject of Egypt's resumption of relations with Moscow, Mubarak stated during a French television interview cited by MENA that this only means that relations have returned to normal, not to the "1973 status."

### Jordan

In an interview cited by KUNA, King Husayn stressed that Jordan and Egypt hold "almost identical" views on the Middle East situation. He called on the Arab leaders to change their "illicit recognition" of Israel into a "declared recognition," thereby placing Israel "in the circle of reality" and silencing those who use the recognition issue as a pretext to cover their support for Israel. Husayn also reaffirmed his support for an international conference, stressing that this remains the "only way" to reach a Middle East peace solution. On internal affairs, he confirmed reports of an impending Cabinet reshuffle.

### Lebanon

*Junblatt in Damascus* — Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt met Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam in Damascus for talks on Lebanese issues, including the current differences among government members, Radio Monte Carlo reported.

*Ports, Security* — A Lebanese Army Command statement broadcast by Beirut radio warned shipowners that measures against ships using illegal ports will become effective on 3 November. The statement defined the legal ports as Beirut, Tripoli, and Juniyah. Meanwhile, PSP militia clashed with Syrian Social Nationalist Party supporters in West Beirut, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

### OPEC

All OPEC countries except Nigeria agreed to defend the official OPEC price by reducing oil production, Saudi Petroleum Minister Shaykh Ahmad Zaki Yamani announced after the first session of the emergency OPEC meeting in Geneva, according to KUNA. However, the agency noted, Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said his country is not ready to reduce its production quota since it has already been "slashed" by 50 percent. Shaykh Yamani "expressed dissatisfaction" with the news that many OPEC members depend on Saudi Arabia to take the brunt of the cut, according to KUNA.

### Sudan

At a meeting presided over by President Ja'far Numayri, the conferees agreed to continue the Islamic legislative revolution, asserting that the current economic situation cannot be attributed to the Islamic course, SUNA reported.

### Tunis

Tunisian authorities kept silent over Libya's recent announcement naming former Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohamed Masmoudi as its ambassador to the United Nations, AFP observed, adding that "political analysts" in Tunis called the appointment an "unfriendly gesture."

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### 240 Soviets Reportedly Die in Plane Crash

*NC301017 Paris AFP in English 1007 GMT 30 Oct 84*

[Text] Islamabad, Pakistan, Oct 30 (AFP) — About 240 Soviet soldiers died in a plane crash Sunday near Kabul in Afghanistan, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

A Soviet troop-carrying jet crashed ten kilometers (six miles) from the Afghan capital after taking off with 240 soldiers returning to their country, the sources said.

One version of the crash said there was a collision with another plane carrying young Afghans to the Soviet Union. Another report said the plane was downed by Afghan rebels who according to Western diplomats in Islamabad are in possession of SAM-7 surface-to-air missiles.

The Western diplomats in Islamabad also said the Afghan anti-government guerrillas had shot down at least four Soviet Helicopters in the area round the capital last week using SAM-7s.

According to diplomatic reports two Soviet helicopters, an MI-6 and an MI-8, were downed in Kabul last Thursday. One was seen disintegrating just 500 metres (yards) from the Defence Ministry's headquarters in Darulaman.

The sources said the helicopters were returning from Logar where the Soviet troops had completed an operation which took more than month and which left 400 Afghan casualties.

The sources said three persons were seen parachuting out of the missile-hit helicopters. Two Soviet soldiers reportedly died in the crash. One report said that the guerrillas shot dead one of the occupants as he bailed out.

Another helicopter hit by guerrillas crash-landed near Rishkor while the fourth was downed in the Safid Sang area of Logar, the Western sources said.

### Rebels Said 'Crushed;' Arms Seized in Faryab

*LD201602 Kabul BAKHTAR in Pashto 1245 GMT 29 Oct 84*

[Excerpt] Kabul, 29 oct (BAKHTAR) — A BAKHTAR correspondent, quoting a source on Faryab Province's security forces, reports that as a result of successful operations by the militant security forces in Faryab Province a number of rebels were crushed and 67 of the criminals were captured.

The security forces seized 8 Dshks, 2 mortars, 1 recoilless rifle, 3 ZK-1 [as received] 4 various kinds of weapons, 90 antitank mines, 31 antipersonnel mines, 65 handgrenades, 203 mortar shells, 138 recoilless rifle shells, 78 rocket launcher shells and 47,000 [word indistinct] for rocket launchers, a quantity of medicine, 3 vehicles and a quantity of antistate documents, thus providing links with foreign countries. The security forces also destroyed four hideouts.

### Electric Energy Minister on Power Shortages

*LD262258 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari and Pashto 0205 GMT 25 Oct 84*

[Text] *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E SAWR* in its recent issue publishes the following interview with the minister of electric energy on "how power problems can be solved"

Question: Distribution of energy in Kabul, although recently slightly improved, is not yet fully regulated. How do you assess the difficulties and problems in this respect?

Answer: By activating the Mahipar line, the situation is slightly improved in peak hours. In the near future, by full operation of the Naghlu-Kabul transmission line, the problem of power shortages at night will be greatly deal reduced. As a result of work and the indefatigable endeavors of workers and engineers in electric power, irrigation, mines and industries, transport, public work ministries, Kabul Municipality and other enterprises, so far more than 92 huge transmission pylons have been rewired and transmission lines extended.

At this very moment, 10 pylons are under repair and soon will be completed. It is anticipated that by 6 November all pylons destroyed by criminals and sold-out counterrevolutionaries will be reassembled. After the completion of rewiring and repair work on these pylons, current between Naghlu-Kabul and Sorowbi-Kabul will be regulated. Meanwhile, we should mention the water shortage in the reservoir of Naghlu and Sorowbi dams.

For the next 1 or 2 months until the water supply increases, we have no choice but to cut the power supply during the day and distribute the power normally during the night.

Question: How can you solve the difficulty of distributing power supplies during the day?

Answer: Presently, thermal power is being utilized during the day. This power supply can be utilized in hospitals, government enterprises and other essential areas during the day. With an increase of water in Kabul River and by activating hydroelectric Mahi Par Dam to its maximum capacity, the problem of power cuts during the day will be reduced.

Question: How do you predict the supply of electricity during the winter, and what measures are being taken to supply power to the citizens of Kabul?

Answer: Power supply this winter will be better in comparison to previous winters. Security measures for safeguarding power pylons at Naghlu, Sorowbi and Mahi Par dams, are taken by units of the Sarandoy force so that power generated by these dams can be maintained normally. On the other hand, we are trying to exceptionally increase diesel reserves for the activation of thermal power stations. In the event of technical faults in the hydroelectric power dams, thermal power will be further utilized.

Question: The citizens of some regions near Kabul are complaining about unequal distribution of power. What is your view in this regard?

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